

STORM-ROCKED, NEW ORLEANS IS

IN GRAVE PERIL

With Waters Crash-
ing at Her Dikes

HELD IN GRASP OF HURRICANE

Cost in Lives Yet
Unknown.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA., September 20. —After attaining a velocity of sixty miles an hour at New Orleans at 7 o'clock to-night, the West Indian hurricane, which struck the Louisiana and Mississippi gulf coast,

It left in its wake four dead at New Orleans and perhaps others along the gulf coast, though no definite advices of mortality in other sections have

The property loss in New Orleans will exceed \$100,000.

At a late hour to-night, the tracks of the Louisiana and Nashville Railroad, which have been inundated some twenty miles east of New Orleans, have

The list of dead at New Orleans:
Victor Pujol, street railway inspector, killed by the same

The velocity of the wind at New Orleans was the most intense in the history of the local bureau.

Fragmentary reports from points in Southern Louisiana and Mississippi give evidence that a severe tropical hurricane is sweeping along the Mississippi-Louisiana gulf coast tonight, damaging shipping, wrecking the more frail structures and seriously

At the office of the Illinois Central Railroad here announcement was made that train No. 6 of that railroad, due to leave New Orleans at 4:30 this afternoon, had been detoured over the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley route

From Biloxi and Scranton and the gulf coast of Mississippi, meagre reports tell of the damage to shipping and buildings along the beach, and so far as can be ascertained at this hour

communication by wire. Before communication was lost the wind had attained a velocity of fifty miles an hour. The power plant was put out of commission, putting the city in darkness. A number of trees were uprooted and several buildings unroofed.

Came Up Suddenly.
Although it had been raining heavily at New Orleans through last night, there were no indications of a gale, further than might be deduced from a falling barometer, till about 9:30

So strong was the force of the wind that the waters of the Mississippi backed up from the gulf 100 miles below, rose three feet at the New Orleans levee.

The neighboring lakes were agitated till they all overflowed, covering the

The direction of the wind was northwest and its area great for its

An early blow destroyed the tracks of the Louisville and Nashville road along the coast of New Orleans, and the later gust wiped out the tracks of the Illinois Central north of the isolated city.

Louisiana and Mississippi, the train passed through continuous rains almost as far as Jackson, Miss., but there were then no reports of unusual winds. The storm came up soon afterwards.

With all communication with New Orleans and the lower Mississippi cut off to-night by the gulf coast hurricane, and with all efforts to reach the city futile, much concern is felt for the Crescent City.

The storm, which had its origin de-

low Cuba and Porto Rico, reached New Orleans and the gulf coast today. At 3 o'clock this afternoon it struck New Orleans. At 4 o'clock it was blowing nearly fifty miles an hour. At 5 o'clock buildings were suffering and reports from Plaquemine

homes and were in danger of their